

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

CPG #NM-1153

Application of the University of Vermont for an)
Amended Certificate of Public Good for an)
interconnected net-metered photovoltaic electrical)
power system)

Order entered: 10/18/2010

I. INTRODUCTION

This case involves an application filed by the University of Vermont ("Applicant") on September 2, 2010, requesting an Amended Certificate of Public Good ("CPG") pursuant to 30 V.S.A. §§ 219a and 248 and Vermont Public Service Board ("Board") Rule 5.100, for a net metering system. On September 22, 2010, the Board issued a CPG to Applicant for a photovoltaic system, with a capacity of 64.6 kW AC, located at the U.S. Forest Service Building complex at 705 Spear Street in South Burlington, Vermont. The Applicant is now seeking approval for an additional photovoltaic system, with a capacity of 1.89 kW AC, to be located at the Miller Research Center at 500 Spear Street in South Burlington, Vermont.

Notice of the application has been sent to all parties as specified in the Board's Rule 5.100. The notice stated that any party wishing to submit comments or request a hearing in this matter needed to file comments with the Board within thirty (30) working days of the date that the notice of the application was sent.

No comments have been received.

The Board has reviewed the application and accompanying documents and concludes that, pursuant to 30 V.S.A. §§ 219a and 248 and the Board's Rule 5.100, an amended CPG should be issued without further investigation or hearing.

II. FINDINGS

Based upon the application and its accompanying documents, the Board makes the following findings in this matter.

1. The proposed net metering project will be on property owned by the Applicant and located at the Miller Research Center at 500 Spear Street in South Burlington, Vermont.

Application at Section 1.

2. The proposed project has a system-rated output of 1.89 kW AC and will be interconnected with the Green Mountain Power Corporation electrical distribution system.

Application at Section 4 and attachment.

3. The proposed project consists of ground-mounted photovoltaic panels to be located to the west side of the Equine Center at the Miller Research Center complex. Application at Section 9.

4. Applicant has certified that the project is in compliance with all of the provisions of Sections 3 and 9 of the application. Based on these submissions, we conclude that the project does not raise a significant issue with respect to the environmental criteria of 30 V.S.A. § 248.

Application at Sections 3 and 9.

5. Applicant has certified compliance with the insurance requirements as set forth in Section 3 of the application. Application at Section 3.

III. DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSION

In Docket No. 6181,¹ the Board developed a net metering program in accordance with the statutory requirements of 30 V.S.A. § 219a. This program was further refined by the Board with the adoption of Board Rule 5.100 on March 1, 2001. The goals of the Order and Rule are to encourage private investment in renewable energy resources, stimulate the economic growth of the state and enhance the continued diversification of energy sources used in Vermont. The standards and requirements adopted in the Order and Rule have been determined by the Board to protect public safety and system reliability.

Based upon the findings and evidence, the proposed net metering project as amended and proposed will be in compliance with the requirements of the Board's Order in Docket No. 6181 and Rule 5.100, the application does not raise a significant issue with respect to the substantive criteria of 30 V.S.A. § 248, and the proposed project will promote the general good of the state.

1. *Investigation into the Use of A Net Metering System for the Purchase and Sale of Electricity from Small Electrical Generating Systems to and from Electric Companies*, Docket No. 6181, April 21, 1999.

IV. ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by the Public Service Board of the State of Vermont that the proposed photovoltaic net metering system as amended and proposed and in accordance with the evidence and plans submitted in this proceeding, will promote the general good of the State of Vermont pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 219a, and a certificate of public good to that effect shall be issued in this matter, pursuant to 30 V.S.A. §§ 219a and 248.

DATED at Montpelier, Vermont, this 18th day of October, 2010.

<u>s/James Volz</u>)	
)	PUBLIC SERVICE
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<u>s/David C. Coen</u>)	BOARD
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<u>s/John D. Burke</u>)	

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

Filed: October 18, 2010

Attest: s/Judith C. Whitney
Deputy Clerk of the Board

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Appeal of this decision to the Supreme Court of Vermont must be filed with the Clerk of the Board within thirty days. Appeal will not stay the effect of this Order, absent further Order by this Board or appropriate action by the Supreme Court of Vermont. Motions for reconsideration or stay, if any, must be filed with the Clerk of the Board within ten days of the date of this decision and order.